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ARRIVAL OF AMERICANS HELPS MORALE ON BOTH MAIN FRONTS

AERIAL FIGHTS ARE FREQUENT

American Positions in Picardy and in Lorraine Are Being Heavily Bombarded by the German Guns

Fair weather during the past few days and a great increase in aerial activity have not yet resulted in a renewal of heavy infantry fighting. The artillery duels go on, most violent on important sectors, but neither the German infantry nor artillery displays the activity which usually marks the coming of a blow against the allied lines.

The enemy, it is believed in London, is preparing for a mighty attack, greater in force if possible than the smash on March 21, along the 50-mile front southward from Arras. The Germans, however, are having difficulty in filling up their greatly depleted ranks, some divisions having lost more than 50 per cent.—one 70 per cent.—of their effectives in the recent fighting. In addition, the allied artillery is causing havoc with German preparations near the front lines, while their railway stations and billets behind the lines are under an almost continuous rain of bombs dropped by allied airmen.

Enemy artillery and manpower concentrations probably become stronger as Field Marshal von Hindenburg delays a new advance, but the allied defenses gain strength in the same ratio and a new source of fighting power, the American army, grows in power. General Pershing's men are now on both the important battlefronts—Flanders and Picardy, and in what numbers it is not disclosed. Their coming, however, is having a great moral effect on the British and French, and the longer the Germans delay the greater will be the American aid become.

Aerial activity is the most prominent feature of the news from the fighting zones. French and British airmen have dropped many more tons of explosives on enemy military targets while the Germans are becoming more active in attempts to get behind the allied lines. In aerial fighting the British have brought down 35 German machines, while British guns accounted for 10 more. Berlin claims the destruction of 18 allied airplanes. Another attempt to raid Paris Friday night failed.

On the American sector west of Montdidier, northwest of Toul and in Lorraine the aerial fighting also has increased. The American positions in Picardy and in Lorraine are being bombarded heavily by the Germans. The artillery fire has fallen off in the Toul sector, but American patrols are active there.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON AVRE INTENSE

To-day's Official Report from Paris States That Engagement of Big Guns There Is Intense.

Paris, May 18.—Violent artillery fighting north and south of the Avre river on the front below Amiens is reported in to-day's official statement.

ON SOUTHERN SIDE ON FLANDERS FRONT

Heavy Artillery Fighting Has Taken Place, According to the British Official Statement.

London, May 18.—Heavy artillery fighting last night between Givency and Rebecq on the southern side of the Flanders salient, is reported by the war office.

PLAYED JOKE ON AMERICANS. Germans Nightly Called to an American Warship to Come and Get Them.

London, May 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—As a grim piece of German humor, the Wireless Age tells of a wireless message received almost every night by a United States destroyer in European waters. The radiogram says: "My position is — degrees north and — degrees south. Come and get me. I am waiting for you."

The message is always signed, "Hans Rose," the name of the German commander who took a submarine into Newport, Rhode Island, two years ago. Twice the American destroyer proceeded rapidly to the position indicated, but found nothing. No matter where the destroyer may be, the message comes nightly.

HUGHES STARTS WORK.

Conferred with Attorney-General Gregory To-day.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Charles E. Hughes and Attorney-General Gregory to-day conferred on the investigation into the airplane production program, which Mr. Hughes is to undertake, at the request of President Wilson, beginning next week. The attorney-general explained that he wished Mr. Hughes to go deeply into all the facts relating to the airplane situation and to ascertain in particular whether there has been any graft or criminal negligence. All facilities of the department of justice, including the aid of the bureau of investigation, was promised Mr. Hughes, who probably will maintain his headquarters at the department of justice.

William L. Forrester, assistant attorney-general, already has collected a mass of documents bearing on the airplane situation, including reports of Guston Borglum and the investigation committee headed by H. Snowden Marshall, and these will be turned over to Mr. Hughes.

STILL OPTIMISTIC FOR PEACE IN 1918. SAYS VON HERTLING

German Chancellor Tells Hungarian Newspaper That Events in the West Will Bring Us Nearer a Speedy End of the War.

Amsterdam, May 18.—"I am still optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said the German chancellor, Count Von Hertling, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper Az Est. "I cherish firm confidence that further events in the west will bring us nearer a speedy end of the war."

"If the world should one day unite in an international peace league," added Count von Hertling, "Germany would not hesitate joyfully to join in it. Unfortunately, present conditions give very little hope of that. Our desire is to win and preserve peace."

ASKED DEATH PENALTY

For Enemy Aliens Who Fail to Register in France.

Paris, Friday, May 17.—Deputy Bakenowski, in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, asked for the passage of a law providing the death sentence for enemy aliens failing to register or guilty of false registration in disguising their nationality.

"Enemy aliens," he said, "enter France for no good purpose. Presumption of espionage should be sufficient to warrant the death sentence."

SURPRISE TO IRISH.

Lord French's Proclamation and Arrest of Sinn Fein Leaders.

Dublin, May 18.—The arrest of the Sinn Fein leaders and the issuance of Lord French's proclamation came as a complete surprise here. In Dublin the arrests were made by detectives acting in co-operation with the military, while in the provinces they were carried out by the Royal Irish constabulary.

So far as has been ascertained, no formal charge has yet been preferred against the prisoners. They were taken into custody on warrants issued under the defense of the realm act.

KILLED BY GOLF BALL.

Frank Burger, 10, Killed by Sulphuric Acid Fumes.

Torrington, Conn., May 18.—Sulphuric acid fumes from a broken golf ball caused the death last night at the Charlotte Hungerford hospital of Frank Burger, aged 10. Burger, with several other boys, was playing with an old golf ball a few days ago. The outer covering of the ball came off and Burger inhaled the acid fumes.

MUST REGISTER JUNE 5.

All Males Who Have Become 21 Since June 5, 1917.

At the adjutant general's office in Montpelier this morning a telegram was received from Provost Marshal General Crowder saying that the law provides that young men who have attained the age of 21 since June 5, last year, shall register the coming June 5. Town clerks will handle the registration as before.

Wants to Do Business in Vermont.

The National Milk Products Manufacturing company of New York has asked permission from the secretary of state of Vermont to open a branch at Richmond. This is a New York corporation with capital stock of \$100,000.

IRISH ARE URGED TO ENLIST VOLUNTARILY

Lord Lieutenant, Viscount French's Announcement Is Taken by Some to Mean That Conscription Is Not to Be Tried at Present.

London, May 18.—Ireland and Irish affairs again have come to the fore. Discovery of a German plot involving certain persons in Ireland was announced last night in Dublin by the issuance of a proclamation signed by Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland in the name of the lord lieutenant, Viscount French. The proclamation asserts that British subjects resident in Ireland have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy and calls for drastic measures to put down the German plot. Voluntary recruiting is urged in order that compulsion may be avoided and that the Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy.

Communication with Dublin is slow but a dispatch to the Times says that a large number of persons already have been arrested in Dublin and other parts of Ireland.

The reference to voluntary enlistment in the proclamation appears to confirm predictions that the government has changed its policy concerning conscription in Ireland, owing to nationalist and Sinn Fein opposition.

A report became current in Ireland Friday that the government contemplates launching a recruiting scheme on the lines of that formerly conducted by the earl of Derby in England.

Another report is to the effect that a number of prominent Irishmen have submitted to Premier Lloyd George a request to appoint General Sir Bryan Mahon, who has just relinquished the military command in Ireland, director of recruiting in Ireland. General Mahon is popular with large classes of Irishmen with whom he is regarded as having very active sympathies, but whether the appointment would have practical results can only be speculated upon.

SUGAR FOR CANNING.

May Be Purchased in Amount of 25 Pounds to a Family.

St. Albans, May 18.—Sugar for home canning will be distributed on a sugar certificate system, it was announced to-day at the office of Acting Federal Food Administrator John T. Cushing. It was said that in the course of a few days, certificates will be placed in the hands of the grocers of the state, which will enable them to deliver up to 25 pounds of sugar at any one given time to a family. The individual buying the sugar for canning purposes agrees to use the sugar purchased on the certificate for no other purpose than to preserve fruit and vegetables, and to return to the grocer any surplus.

It was further stated at the food office that 25 pounds would be the maximum amount of sugar that a family could have on hand at any one given time for canning purposes and that possession of a greater amount would open the individual to investigation for hoarding. In case 25 pounds is not sufficient for the canning season a second or third certificate will have to be secured. The certificates will be returned to the office of the administrator, Frank H. Brooks of Montpelier, by the grocer within one week after he has made a sale on it.

Sugar is not plentiful, Mr. Cushing said, and there is great need of conservation between now and the opening of the canning season. Conservation must be enforced throughout the entire country and strict household economy is essential. Mr. Cushing has sent notice to the local representatives of the food administration to notify all grocers that the limits on the sale of sugar must be strictly observed and that steps to shut off the supply of all offending grocers will be taken at once. The limits are: Five pounds to dwellers in city and five pounds to those who live in the countryside. Sales in larger amounts can be made only on the certificate.

WITHOUT FOOD FOR 80 HOURS

Ensign E. A. Stone Clung to the Under Side of Seaplane Pontoon and Was Finally Rescued.

Washington, May 10.—Ensign E. A. Stone, U. S. naval reserve, of Norfolk, Va., given up for drowned in the English channel last month, has safely arrived in London, according to information received here to-day from the London representative of the committee on public information.

With a companion, Stone clung for 80 hours without food or drink to the under side of a seaplane pontoon before he was saved.

TO REVOKE CITIZENSHIP.

Bill to Permit That Being Prepared for Congress.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—A bill to make disloyal utterances grounds for revoking the citizenship of Germans or Austrians naturalized in the United States, has been prepared by the department of justice and soon will be introduced in Congress. Officials believe that the precedent set by a United States court at Newark, N. J., in withdrawing naturalization from a German-American on the ground that he acted fraudulently in swearing allegiance to this country may not be adequate to cover all similar cases.

BRITISH CHAPLAIN SHOT.

He Is Believed to Have Been Murdered at Vladivostok.

Tokyo, Tuesday, May 14.—(By the Associated Press).—The chaplain of a British warship in the port of Vladivostok has been found dead in the suburbs, says a despatch to the Asahi Shimbun from Vladivostok. He had been shot and the case is believed to be one of murder, the despatch states.

ALLIES TO ACT IN THE FAR EAST

Have Arranged for Military Co-operation to Meet German Peril

JAPAN AND CHINA GIVEN ASSURANCE

German Penetration of That Section of Globe Is to Be Combated

Paris, Friday, May 17.—Japan and China have been informed by the allied governments that they have arranged for entente military co-operation to meet the dangers threatening the peace of the far East from German penetration.

Washington, May 18.—The entente military co-operation arranged to meet threats to the peace of the far East by German penetration, as reported to-day from Paris, is understood here as a purely defensive measure, in which participation for the present will be confined to Japan and China. Its primary purpose is the safeguarding of Manchuria with possibilities of its extension to Siberia.

HORSE SMASHED THINGS.

Collided with Several Vehicles on Main Street.

Two small boys were thrown from a wagon in front of the Aldrich building this morning when the horse which the driver had left in front of the City bakery became frightened. Neither was injured, but the horse continuing to exhibit signs of fright aroused when an automobile came along, straightened out for a long John. Hayes down North Main street. It brought up against an auto in front of the Ladd store, became detached from the wagon, and kept up the race. Milk in the wagon was spilled, and the rear end of the auto was slightly damaged. The animal's aversion to motor cars was exhibited again when it sideswiped Manager J. R. Eames' car at the Park theatre, jamming the mudguard in such a manner as to brake the wheel. Farther down the horse struck a team coming up town. The runaway was thrown, but no one was there to grasp the bridle, and after a few kicks, the horse regained its feet and continued northward. At the hour of going to press people in the villages north of Montpelier had not reported the capture of a vagrant horse. The outfit is owned by Mr. Thow of South Barre.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Robert Beattie of Keith avenue is passing the week-end with friends in Burlington.

Willard Canton left the city to-day for Lyndon, where he has enrolled for farm training at the Vail agricultural camp.

Dante Cassellini left this morning for Burlington, where he is to join a party of Lake Champlain fishermen for a few days' outing.

The West Hill Sunshine club will meet with Mrs. Duane Wood Tuesday, May 21, at 2 o'clock, if the weather is favorable; if not, the following day, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Freedom and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buttell have returned to their home in Wallingford after spending a week with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. David Welch of Fairview street.

A card received by Miss Helen Cruikshank states that Capt. James McAdam has arrived safely "over there." Since his last letter to Barre last September Captain McAdam has risen from the rank of sergeant.

The Cristoforo Colombo band will play for the war rally in the opera house on Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale is to speak, thereby assuring excellent music for the occasion.

At the evening service in the Presbyterian church to-morrow, the large service flag bearing 42 stars will be dedicated with fitting services. Parents or relatives as far as possible will uncover individually each star.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin, who recently returned to this city from Kirkville, Mo., where they have been residing during the past year, left yesterday afternoon for Bennington, where they will spend a few days visiting with friends.

Miss Lottie Merrill of Tremont street left the city this forenoon for Worcester, Mass., where she will spend a week's vacation from her duties as a clerk in the garment department at the Daylight store. Before returning to this city, Miss Merrill expects to spend a few days with friends in Boston.

Several souvenirs from "over there" deftly embroidered, which have been received by Mrs. Charles Knutson of Birch street, are being displayed in the south display window of the McWhorter Clothing company. The souvenirs were sent to Mrs. Knutson by her son, Corp. Walter Knutson, of the 101st ammunition train, Co. A, who was one of the young men who left Barre with the Headquarters company.

Word has been received in the city announcing the marriage at Detroit, Mich., of Miss Jennie Albion to Wilber M. Corse at 8:30 Wednesday evening, May 15. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Corse, at whose home a wedding supper was served. The bride was formerly of this city. Mr. Corse is now commander of the Cadillac Motor Car company. The young couple will make their home at 1260 Woodward avenue, Detroit.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were the following people: George A. Downey of South Londonderry, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Mrs. L. H. Marshall of Waterbury, Mrs. C. H. Holcomb of Milton, A. M. Southern of Albany, N. Y., A. W. Fuller of Weston, W. F. Taylor of Portland, Me., J. S. Silver of Cleveland, O., Mrs. G. A. Wilder, Miss M. J. Cook of Brattleboro, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Soule, H. H. Himes and K. D. Himes of Burlington, Kate L. Davis of Marlboro, Mass., R. H. Carriek and party from Hardwick, J. H. Wood of Woodsville, N. H., Edward A. Green of Burlington, Prof. S. F. French of Montpelier, George Waters and E. P. Wilder of Northfield, Marshall Crane of Dalton, Mass., J. E. Stone and John Baker of Pittsfield, Mass., H. L. Garrigan and chauffeur of Storrs, Conn.

CAPT. PETERSON DOWNED TWO

American Aviator Victorious in an Uneven Battle

ACCOMPLISHED ACT ON AMERICAN FRONT

While Aviators Were Waiting to Receive French Decorations

Washington, May 18.—Another official American communique from General Pershing was made public to-day by the war department.

General Pershing transmitted details of the bringing down of two German planes by Captain Peterson of the American army, while aviators were waiting for a French general commanding to confer decorations.

The text of the communique follows: "Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, May 16, 1918.—Section A: In Lorraine patrolling was active and there was again increase of artillery fire. Otherwise the day was quiet at points occupied by our troops."

"Section B: Particulars concerning bringing down hostile airplanes at about noon, May 15, previously reported, when aviators were waiting for French general, who was coming to confer decorations, are as follows:

"While waiting, Captain Peterson made an ascent and encountered two German planes and shot down both within a minute, firing 60 shots at first and 15 at second. First plane burst into flames before hitting ground and wings of second were seen to crumple up when nearing earth. No definite information concerning the third hostile plane reported brought down."

It is now determined that our aviators reported yesterday as having accidentally fallen within our lines north of Toul was shot down, probably by hostile anti-aircraft guns."

MRS. CLARA PETERSON HEADS REBEKAHS

St. Johnsbury Woman Was Elected as President at the Closing Session of Odd Fellows' Week in Barre.

Rebekahs of Vermont adjourned their annual state assembly in Howland hall early last evening, after an arduous business session. The assembly will conform to a long established custom by holding its next annual meeting in the city where the Odd Fellows gather, and the Odd Fellows, before they adjourned Thursday, decided to hold their 1919 convention in Burlington during the third week in May. Following the business meeting, there was an open house entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall for those of the delegates who did not leave by automobiles or late afternoon trains for their homes. This forenoon the rear guard of the Rebekahs are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Emma Coburn of West Burke; secretary, Miss Emma H. Gates of Ludlow; treasurer, Mrs. Eva M. Hazen of Windsor; warden, Mrs. J. M. Jewell of Proctorsville; marshal, Mrs. Adelle B. Wallis of Watfield; conductor, Mrs. A. G. Caldwell of Enosburg Falls; inside guardian, Mrs. Louise Perry of Brattleboro; outside guardian, Mrs. Calla Beede of West Rupert; chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Kelly of West Derby.

The incoming officers were impressively installed by the retiring president, Mrs. Emma S. Rand of Saxtons River. One of the interesting features of the late afternoon exercises was the presentation of a past president's jewel to Mrs. Rand, the spokesman being the newly elected president, Mrs. Peterson, the gift coming from the past president's association. Mrs. Peterson, in turn, found it incumbent upon her to respond to the presentation of a bouquet of flowers in honor of her election. The flowers were the gift of her home lodge, and Mrs. Morrison of St. Johnsbury made the presentation speech.

During the afternoon there were speeches by Mrs. Ina Palmer of Plymouth, N. H., president, and Mrs. Kate Davis, vice-president, of the New Hampshire state Rebekah assembly. Both visiting officers were warmly received. Before adjournment the Rebekahs voted a special tax for the creation of a fund to be used in the interests of Gill Odd Fellows home at Ludlow. Similar action was taken by the Odd Fellows Thursday, and the tax is to apply to every Rebekah and subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction.

Convention week visitors expressed themselves very felicitously in commenting their hosts and hostesses at the entertainment last evening for the hospitality shown them during their stay in Barre. Members of Bright Star Rebekah lodge, and Hiawatha lodge, I. O. O. F., received the guests, and an enjoyable evening had for its principal feature a musical program. Miss Mildred Higgs contributed a vocal solo. There was a violin selection by H. Lecasse, a Goddard seminary student, and Miss Emily Dodge gave a reading. All of the entertainers responded to encores. Light refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Frank Bryan has gone to Alburg, where he will be a week-end guest in a Lake Champlain camp.

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FRANK E. LANGLEY, Publisher.

VETERAN A. G. LAPOINT AND WIFE HONORED

Barre Couple, Married 50 Years Ago, Were Tendered a Reception Last Evening.

A half-century of wedded life was celebrated at the Barre Congregational church, when Mr. and Mrs. Alexis G. LaPoint of Elm street unexpectedly found themselves in the hands of their friends. The observance came on the anniversary of the eve of the May day in 1868 when they were married. One hundred people and more, including a number of town friends, were present to honor the worthy couple. Brooks post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief corps of Montpelier, and representatives of William Wells post and other patriotic societies in the city gathered to join with the Barre friends of Mr. and Mrs. LaPoint in making the observance thoroughly worthy of the occasion. The vestry of the church was attractively decorated with flowers and flags.

The master of ceremonies was H. G. Woodruff, and an interesting program included a piano solo by Miss Freda Ladd, a vocal solo by Miss Catherine Young, and a reading, "The Hanging of the Crane," by Miss Madeline McDonald. Mrs. Johnson of the Montpelier relief corps read an original poem, composed in honor of the anniversary, and decidedly appropriate remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed. One of the enjoyable features of the gathering came when H. G. Woodruff, speaking for the church and friends, presented Mr. and Mrs. LaPoint a substantial sum of money in gold, silver and paper. Gifts from the Williamstown patriotic bodies and the Montpelier post, corps and auxiliary followed in order, and then came spirited responses from the recipients. Perhaps no better indication of the lively interest in the world which Mr. and Mrs. LaPoint retain could be desired than the carefully worded and deeply appreciative responses made by the couple. After the exercises, light refreshments were served, and then the singing of "America" marked the close of the reception.

The bride and groom of 50 years ago to-day are survivors of an era in the history of Barre of which people of the present generation know but little. Mrs. LaPoint, whose maiden name was Emma Augusta Fisher, was born in Washington, in the old hotel, 69 years ago. Her father was S. G. Fisher, an old-time landlady, who later conducted the old Twingville tavern at North Barre. She came to Barre to live at the age of 14. Mr. LaPoint was born in Bridport in 1845. As a young man he enlisted in the 14th Vermont regiment, D company, and served honorably in the Civil war. After the war between the states he came to Barre to complete his education in the old Barre academy, where his future wife was a student. S. LaPoint lived in the home of Dr. Jacob Spaulding while enrolled at the academy.

It was on May 18, 1868, that the couple were married. The ceremony took place in the Dr. William Braley house, so called, on North Main street, a residence built by the bride's brother, A. G. Fisher. In performing the ceremony Rev. L. J. Penny, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated at his second wedding in Barre, having arrived but a short time before. For lack of any other accommodation, Mr. and Mrs. LaPoint boarded a stage which carried them to Montpelier, where they took train for a honeymoon trip to Boston.

Two children were born to the couple. Clarence E. LaPoint died at the age of four. The surviving son, William W. LaPoint, lives in New York City, and was unable to get here in time for last evening's celebration.

Both Mr. and Mrs. LaPoint have been very active and faithful in their church and fraternal affiliations. Each is a member of the Barre Congregational church. Mrs. LaPoint is a member of the relief corps in Montpelier and for many years has acted as its press correspondent. She is also a member of the executive council of the state organization. Mr. LaPoint retains his connection with William Wells post, G. A. R., in Williston. In giving to their friends a word of welcome, Mr. and Mrs. LaPoint are particularly desirous of thanking the friends in Montpelier and Williamstown who so kindly remembered them. They are also deeply grateful to their own people here in Barre for the unique and substantial tribute paid them at the anniversary observance last evening.

ITALIAN ARMY SCENE DESCRIBED

John A. Gordon of Barre Helped to Distribute Red Cross Packages to 10,000.

The term of service of John A. Gordon of Barre, who has been driving an ambulance back of the Italian lines in Italy, closes on May 24, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gordon, and the young man contemplates returning to France in the effort to get into "more active service," as he expresses it. He has been driving an ambulance hospital since after several trials to get into American service of any kind. He is planning to try for the French artillery school for officers as he learns they are "not particularly about physical requirements."

The defect on which the young man was rejected several times is poor eyesight. (Important note: We were in the grandstand. The arrival of the duke of Aosta was announced by a tremendous outburst of trumpets (I should have said bugles) and all the notables, from generals down to A. R. C. men, crowded about his car like a reception party to Caesar. Then the duke, after passing through a battery of 30 pieces (cannons), took a commanding position in the center of the grandstand and delivered a very vigorous and patriotic oration. I have already forgotten what he said, but I am sure he spoke in Italian.

"After the oration the duke decorated about 20 men, among whom was a British general and three Americans. The three Americans were Major Lowell, Captain Hereford and Captain Wilkinson of the American Red Cross. The citation said they were decorated for bravery on the 25th of December on the Piave and during air raids on Padova. They were with our fellows when they went to distribute packages to the Italian soldiers in the trenches on Christmas day."

"When the decoration business was finished the soldiers marched past the reviewing stand. The Bersaglieri did especially well, for they were all on bicycles and kept excellent order. After the review we began the distribution of the packages during which Bob Rand and myself nearly knocked the duke over. He spoke to Bob and impressed me as a very decent sort of fellow who was not at all taken up with egotism and kept excellent order. After the review we began the distribution of the packages during which Bob Rand and myself nearly knocked the duke over. He spoke to Bob and impressed me as a very decent sort of fellow who was not at all taken up with egotism and kept excellent order. After the review we began the distribution of the packages during which Bob Rand and myself nearly knocked the duke over. He spoke to Bob and impressed me as a very decent sort of fellow who was not at all taken up with egotism and kept excellent order. 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